

Outstanding Community Planner
Michael T. Flahive, HQ AMC,
Scott AFB, IL (AMC)
 Stacie Y. Kaneshiro, 15 CES,
 Hickam AFB, HI (PACAF)

Balchen/Post Award (Snow and Ice Removal)
3 CES, Elmendorf AFB, AK (PACAF)
 92 CES, Fairchild AFB, WA (AMC)

2003 Air Force National Society of Professional Engineers Federal Engineer of the Year Military
Lt Col Gary D. Chesley, HQ ACC, Langley AFB, VA (ACC)

Civilian
James L. Greene, HQ AFCESA, Tyndall AFB, FL (AFCESA)



(Above) TSgt Perry Mooney, Dover AFB, DE, shows a family day visitor the video camera on an explosive ordnance disposal robot. (Inset) MSgt Ken Jordan, command geointegration manager for Air Combat Command, exhibits GeoReach equipment during Engineers Week Family Day.

CMSgt Jim Podolske, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, gives an interactive fire safety test to several visitors during Engineers Week Family Day in Washington D.C. Feb. 15.

86th Civil Engineer Group

Mission: Provide, maintain and protect real property assigned to the 86th Airlift Wing, the Kaiserslautern Military Community and associated units while supporting worldwide contingencies with trained combat engineers and equipment.



Unique Requirements: Ramstein AB is located near the cities of Ramstein and Kaiserslautern, Germany, and is home to the 86th Airlift Wing, Headquarters USAFE and Headquarters AIRNORTH. The 86th CEG maintains over 21.3 million square feet of real property, 1,766 facilities and over 5,000 housing units on 5,144 acres at Ramstein, Sembach, Einsiedlerhof, Kapaun, Landstuhl, Vogelweh and 20 geographically separated units.

Recent Accomplishments: The 86th CEG conquered numerous challenges in 2002. The group excelled in readiness, deploying 174 engineers to 12 separate AEF and OEF locations. Members built a 76,000-square foot pallet assembly area to organize and fill special

containers used to drop 2.5 million humanitarian daily rations into Afghanistan. It also supported 40 nations participating in the world's largest communications exercise, COMBINED ENDEAVOR.

Huge construction efforts dot the local landscape as civil engineers manage \$2 billion covering four major construction programs. They are continuing the conversion of Ramstein from a fighter base to an airlift base through \$150 million in facility construction. An additional \$384 million in airfield projects continued transforming Ramstein into EUCOM's premier strategic airlift hub and "Gateway to Europe." The quality of housing saw a major boost with the completion of the first phase of a \$600 million, 10-year renovation program.

The perennial award-winning Environmental Flight managed USAFE's largest restoration program, completed restoration work on 36 contaminated sites and programmed \$15.6 million to restore the base's final 27 sites. The flight also manages the command's largest recycling program, salvaging 15 million pounds, equal to 46 percent of the Kaiserslautern Military Community's trash.

The Group protects the largest number of Americans living outside the United States, over 43,000 military, civilians and family members. Readiness, EOD and firefighters assigned to seven fire stations are ready at a moment's notice to handle any emergency. CEG troops responded to two major aircraft crashes and numerous "white powder" responses throughout Germany.

Recent Awards: The 86th CEG earned three Air Force-level awards for outstanding mission accomplishment in 2002: the Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit Award (large unit category), the CMSgt Larry R. Daniels Outstanding Military Superintendent Award and the General Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award for Overseas. In addition, the group won seven USAFE-level CE awards, two USAFE-level annual personnel awards, 11 wing-level awards and six PME awards. The 86th CEG is proud to chant its motto whenever and wherever possible; "Biggest, Busiest, Best!"

Parent Unit: 86th Airlift Wing (U.S. Air Forces in Europe)

Location:

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Group Commander:

Col Jeffrey L. Leptrone;
 86 CES Commander,
 Lt Col Steve Bradshaw;
 786 CES Commander,
 Lt Col Shane Stegman

Assigned Personnel:

535 military, 720 local
 nationals, 97 U.S. civilians